

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method for handling a plurality of syringe bodies, comprising:
positioning a plurality of syringe bodies, in a predetermined orientation; and,
interconnecting a belt to each of said plurality of syringe bodies in said predetermined orientation.
2. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
locating said plurality of syringe bodies in a plurality of holders for at least one production operation.
3. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 2, wherein said belt defines a predetermined spacing between adjacent ones of said plurality of syringe bodies, and wherein said plurality of holders are separated by a distance corresponding with said predetermined spacing.
4. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 2, further comprising:
moving said plurality of holders along a predetermined path during said at least one production operation.
5. (Original) An assembly as recited in Claim 4, said belt being of a pliable construction, and said locating step comprising:
successively suspending adjacent ones of said plurality of syringe bodies to dispose said adjacent ones in aligned positions for receipt by said plurality of holders, wherein said adjacent ones are successively located in said plurality of holders during said moving step.
6. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 4, wherein said plurality of holders are located on a support member, and wherein said moving step comprises:
rotating said support member.

7. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 4, wherein a plurality of work locations are located along said predetermined path, and wherein the method further comprises:

disposing said plurality of syringe bodies in series at said plurality of work locations to complete said at least one production operation.

8. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 7, wherein for each of said plurality of syringe bodies said disposing step comprises:

first locating the syringe body at a first work location;

second locating the syringe body at a second work location; and,

returning said one the syringe body to the first work location.

9. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 2, wherein said at least one production operation comprises at least one of the following:

filling said plurality of syringe bodies with a predetermined fluid;

removing and replacing on caps from each of said plurality of syringe bodies; and

labeling said plurality of syringe bodies to indicate the contents thereof.

10. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 2, further comprising:

packaging said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies and in a container prior to said locating step; and,

unpackaging said plurality of syringe bodies from said container prior to said locating step.

11. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 10, further comprising:

sterilizing said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies after said packaging step and prior to said unpackaging step.

12. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 2, wherein said plurality of holders are disposed to position adjacent ones of said plurality of syringe bodies in side-by-side relation.

13. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 12, further comprising:
separating said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies.

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